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Petroleum Electronic Pricing Exchange (PEPEX), L.L.C., as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the application for patent entitled **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATED AUCTION AND TENDER OF COMPLEX MULTI-VARIABLE COMMODITIES**, the specification of which was filed as U.S. Patent Application No. 09/496,389 on the 2d day of February, 2000, does hereby appoint Gerard A. Messina (Reg. No. 35,952) and Oleg F. Kaplun (Reg. No. P-45,559) as its attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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